

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are now in the application. No claims have been amended by this Response. No new matter has been added.

The March 6, 2009 Office Action requires Restriction between:

Group I, claims 1-17, drawn to an aqueous dispersion;

Group II, claims 18-21, drawn to a process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions;

Group III, claims 29- 30, drawn to a method of increasing the viscosity of a preparation;
and

Group IV, claims 31-32, drawn to a cosmetic composition.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-17, drawn to an aqueous dispersion. Further, Applicants respectfully request that Group II, claims 18-21, drawn to a process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions, be rejoined upon the allowance of claims 1-17. Claims 22-32 are drawn to non-elected subject matter and may be cancelled by the Examiner upon the allowance of the claims directed to the elected subject matter.

In addition, the March 6, 2009 Office Action makes an Election of Species Requirement for Species (1)-(6). Applicants herewith elect the following Species:

Species (1): N-vinylamide;

Species (2): a polymer comprising at least 5% by weight of vinylpyrrolidone units;

Species (3): polyethylene glycol;

Species (4): triallylamine;

Species (5): a diallylamine of the formula (II), in which R⁴ is C₁-C₂₄-alkyl is used as further monomer c)



(II)

; and

Species (6): 2-mercaptoethanol.

The Office Action indicates that claims 1, 18, 29, 31, and 32 are generic.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 12810-00104-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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